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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL OF A CHILD FROM
ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2008*):

4 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good
5 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational
6 interests of the state as defined in section 10-4a and provide such other
7 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of
8 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such
9 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions
10 of the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school
11 district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide
12 an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes
13 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,
14 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources
15 among its schools, (3) proper maintenance of facilities, and (4) a safe
16 school setting; shall have charge of the schools of its respective school
17 district; shall make a continuing study of the need for school facilities

18 and of a long-term school building program and from time to time
19 make recommendations based on such study to the town; shall adopt
20 and implement an indoor air quality program that provides for
21 ongoing maintenance and facility reviews necessary for the
22 maintenance and improvement of the indoor air quality of its facilities;
23 shall report biennially to the Commissioner of Education on the
24 condition of its facilities and the action taken to implement its long-
25 term school building program and indoor air quality program, which
26 report the Commissioner of Education shall use to prepare a biennial
27 report that said commissioner shall submit in accordance with section
28 11-4a to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
29 cognizance of matters relating to education; shall advise the
30 Commissioner of Education of the relationship between any individual
31 school building project pursuant to chapter 173 and such long-term
32 school building program; shall have the care, maintenance and
33 operation of buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for
34 school purposes and at all times shall insure all such buildings and all
35 capital equipment contained therein against loss in an amount not less
36 than eighty per cent of replacement cost; shall determine the number,
37 age and qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each school;
38 shall develop and implement a written plan for minority staff
39 recruitment for purposes of subdivision (3) of section 10-4a; shall
40 employ and dismiss the teachers of the schools of such district subject
41 to the provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall designate the
42 schools which shall be attended by the various children within the
43 school district; shall make such provisions as will enable each child of
44 school age, residing in the district to attend some public day school for
45 the period required by law and provide for the transportation of
46 children wherever transportation is reasonable and desirable, and for
47 such purpose may make contracts covering periods of not more than
48 five years; may place in an alternative school program or other suitable
49 educational program a pupil enrolling in school who is nineteen years
50 of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for
51 graduation by age twenty-one; may arrange with the board of

52 education of an adjacent town for the instruction therein of such
53 children as can attend school in such adjacent town more conveniently;
54 shall cause each child five years of age and over and under eighteen
55 years of age who is not a high school graduate and is living in the
56 school district to attend school in accordance with the provisions of
57 section 10-184, as amended by this act, unless such child is withdrawn
58 from school in accordance with the provisions of said section; and shall
59 perform all acts required of it by the town or necessary to carry into
60 effect the powers and duties imposed by law.

61 Sec. 2. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed and the
62 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

63 (a) All parents and those who have the care of children shall bring
64 them up in some lawful and honest employment and instruct them or
65 cause them to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English
66 grammar, geography, arithmetic and United States history and in
67 citizenship, including a study of the town, state and federal
68 governments. Subject to the provisions of this section and section 10-
69 15c, each parent or other person having control of a child five years of
70 age and over and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to
71 attend a public school regularly during the hours and terms the public
72 school in the district in which such child resides is in session, unless
73 such child is a high school graduate or the parent or person having
74 control of such child is able to show that the child is elsewhere
75 receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public
76 schools.

77 (b) The parent or person having control of a child sixteen or
78 seventeen years of age may consent, as provided in this section, to
79 such child's withdrawal from school. Such parent or person shall
80 personally appear at the school district office and sign a withdrawal
81 form. The school district shall provide such parent or person with
82 information on the educational options available in the school system
83 and in the community.

84 (c) If the parent or other person having control of a child elects to
 85 provide the instruction required pursuant to this section to such child,
 86 such parent or other person may withdraw such child from school
 87 upon providing the notice described in this subsection to the principal
 88 of the school the child is attending or the superintendent of schools for
 89 the local or regional school district in which such school is located.
 90 Such notice shall (1) state that the parent or other person is
 91 withdrawing the child from school and that such required instruction
 92 will be provided by the parent or such other person, (2) be in writing,
 93 (3) be signed by such parent or other person, and (4) be delivered by
 94 certified mail, return receipt requested. Such principal and
 95 superintendent of schools and the local or regional board of education
 96 for such school district shall accept such notice and shall deem the
 97 child withdrawn from school immediately upon receipt of such notice.

98 (d) The parent or person having control of a child five years of age
 99 shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child
 100 is six years of age and the parent or person having control of a child six
 101 years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school
 102 until the child is seven years of age. The parent or person shall exercise
 103 such option by personally appearing at the school district office and
 104 signing an option form. The school district shall provide the parent or
 105 person with information on the educational opportunities available in
 106 the school system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-220(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-184

Statement of Purpose:

To create the procedure in which a parent or guardian is to follow when withdrawing a child from enrollment in public school.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]